

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 10, and 11, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet processing apparatus comprising:

a stack means for stacking sheets to be fed;

a feeding path comprising guide members for feeding the sheets to the stack means, disposed facing with each other;

a discharging means for discharging the sheets to the stack means; and

a sheet processing means capable of moving in the sheet width direction for processing the sheets stacked on the stack means at a predetermined position;

wherein one of the guide members disposed facing with each other is divided into a plurality of parts in the sheet width direction such that the feeding path can be selectively opened per each part in a space for moving the sheet processing means ~~in a space where the sheet processing means moves.~~

2. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one part of the plurality of the parts of the guide member divided in the sheet width direction can be opened regardless of the position of the sheet processing means in the movable area.

3. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 1, wherein the sheet processing means is a stapler.

4. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 2, wherein the sheet processing means is a stapler.

5. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 1, wherein the discharging means is a pair of rotating members, and one of the rotating members is supported by the guide member divided in the sheet width direction.

6. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 2, wherein the discharging means is a pair of rotating members, and one of the rotating members is supported by the guide member divided in the sheet width direction.

7. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 1, wherein the feeding path is provided above the sheet processing means.

8. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 2, wherein the feeding path is provided above the sheet processing means.

9. (Original) The sheet processing apparatus according to claims 7, wherein the guide member which is divided into plurality of parts in the sheet width direction is a lower guide and the parts can be opened downward.

10. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a recording means for recording an image on a sheet; and  
the sheet processing apparatus according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 for  
processing a sheet with an image recorded by the recording means.

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a recording means for recording an image on a sheet; and  
the sheet processing apparatus according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 2 for  
processing a sheet with an image recorded by the recording means.